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Our Partnership with Berklee College

The WYJB is presently in partnership with Berklee College School of Music and is supported by various organizations including the Council of Jazz Advocate (COJA) and the City of Wilmington. We also enjoy support from the Gilliam Foundation and the East Side Charter School.

As part of our partnership with Berklee College of Music, our weekly curriculum requires that all students are enrolled in the [Berklee PULSE Music Method](#). This is a web based program that is accessed through the Berklee City Music Network Nationwide. It offers a fun and innovative way to provide music instruction.

The program also includes a staff of successful professional musicians who have the heart to help the youths in our city. This staff includes Fostina Dixon-Kilgoe [woodwinds], James Dixon [brass], Vernon James Sr. [woodwinds], Todd Kilgoe [percussion], and Dill McDaniel [bass & piano]. Aaron Walker, and Jeff Knoettner are also instructors who have participated with the WYJB.

Other professional musicians have expressed a sincere interest in volunteering their services as needed.

Wilmington native Fostina Dixon-Kilgoe founded the Wilmington Youth Jazz Band in 2003. An Alumna of Berklee College of Music, she was awarded a grant to launch the program. The Delaware Division of the Arts also supports the WYJB. Our in-kind supporters include the late Dr. Frank Foster, the late Dr. Billy Taylor, Sam Ash Music/Paul Ash, the Grand Opera House, Council of Jazz Advocates, Wilmington Music School, East Side Community Learning Center, and the Afro- American Historical Society.



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Our Program

WYJB is a non-profit organization with a 501c3 status, incorporated through the State of Delaware as Wilmington Youth Jazz Band, Incorporated. The website is: www.wyjb.org.

The Band's mission is to expose, educate, and culturally enrich students through learning jazz music to maintain the future and longevity of jazz, the only true American art form. This organization provides opportunities for young people of all diversities, ethically, financially, and educationally. This organization is a non-profit organization, and it maintains its financial responsibilities through fundraising projects and in-kind supporters. The WYJB enhances the latent talents of young participants and provides them with a greater understanding of jazz music,

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urging them to be participants in the advocacy for musical excellence, and equip them to succeed in the future.

This organization is a window of hope for many young people who would not otherwise be able to afford professional musical instruction. The success of this program also allows the youth to perform for an audience that is supportive of their accomplishments. Notably, this enthusiasm filters throughout the community as positive reinforcement for the future of our youth, contrary to negative statistics quoting the success rates of many young people in today's society. The staff benefits from knowing that they have enriched the lives of students, the instructors benefit from the recognition of their talents and for their community. The overall benefit: the youth, the family, the community, and the world.

Fostina Dixon-Kilgoe

Founder/Executive Director/Director of the Band

Fostina Dixon-Kilgoe is the founder and director of the Wilmington Youth Jazz Band and a native of Wilmington. She is a composer, vocalist and jazz soloist who plays the soprano, alto and baritone saxophones, flute, and clarinet. She has recorded several of her own jazz albums with group Winds of Change on the Fossiebear production label. In 2010, she released a new CD called, "Yesterday, Today and Forever". Mrs. Dixon-Kilgoe has performed and recorded with jazz greats such as Dr. Frank Foster, Dr. Billy Taylor, Charli Persip, Melba Liston, Abbey Lincoln, Gil Evans, Gerald Wilson, James Blood, the Mary Lou Williams Jazz Festival, and numerous tours in the U.S., Europe, and Asia. She also traveled with the late great Marvin Gaye for four years and recorded with the Fat Boys. She has been featured in several books including: *Black Women and Music: More than the Blues*, by Linda Williams and Eileen Hayes (2007), *Black Women in American Bands and Orchestra*, by D. Antoinette Handy (1995), *The Genuine American Music*, by the Honorable James M. Baker (1993), and *American Women in Jazz*, by Sally Placksin (1982). Mrs. Dixon-Kilgoe currently teaches in the Christina School District and completed her Master's program in Educational Leadership at Wilmington University in 2008. She was the recipient of the Outstanding Art Educator Award for the Christina School District in 2009 and the recipient of the Christi Awards of Outstanding Achievement in Arts Education by Christiana Cultural Arts also in 2009. Mrs. Dixon-Kilgoe served on a panel at the Kennedy Center selecting the best emerging saxophonist throughout the world for 2008. Fostina is a recipient of the Delaware Division of the Arts 2012 Individual Artist Fellow as "Established" and won the \$6,000 award for Jazz: Composition. Below is a link to a recent article that gives different perspectives of where jazz music is in Delaware. The article is called *Jazz in Delaware*. You will see how I commented about a half into the article. I of course mention the Wilmington Youth Jazz Band. I was included in a documentary on WHYJ as well. That will be aired in July. There was a lot of information taken about the Wilmington Youth Jazz Band as well as my musical career. I will keep you informed. Thank you for your support.

<http://www.delawarefirst.org/featured-posts/jazz-delaware/>



Fostina Dixon-Kilgoe

Meet the WYJB Board of Directors

President, Jeremy Smith

In addition to working with children he shares a love for music that began in his primary years as a trumpeter. Jeremy's musical interest flourished as a vocalist performing with various musical performance groups. Currently, he holds leadership positions with the Delaware Valley Minority Education Consortium as well as the Boy Scouts of America. Jeremy has a son, Elias, who's musical experiences include playing trombone, percussion and his true love the upright bass which he plays with the WYJB.

Vice-President, John Polk

In 1989, John began teaching part-time at the University of Delaware as an adjunct instructor with the Department of Sociology and Criminal Justice. Presently, he continues to enjoy teaching courses in Criminal Law, Criminal Evidence, and Civil Liability to undergraduate, U of D students. John plays the tenor saxophone. He studies jazz improvisation with Vernon James and is a member of the Concert Band of the Osher Lifelong Learning Academy of the University of Delaware.

Recruitment Officer & Assistant

Sa'eed Abuwi and wife Tameka

Photographer, Greg Stern

Facebook Editor, Ranita Maldonado

News letter Committee

Chair—Senee Oates
Brian Coady
Tricia Hall

Treasurer, Keith Criddell

Financial Operations Manager with proven and extensive background in analysis and developing operational strategies that increase earnings, capture cost savings, improve employee performance, enhance utilization and meet customer service goals. Keith's son, Keith Jr., is the drummer for the WYJB.

Secretary, Senee Oates

Senior Social Worker for the State of Delaware. She served as the State of Delaware Reflections Chair for the National PTA for 2 years. For 10 years, she was an Administrator for Alternative Educational Programs in New Castle County. Her son, Pyerce, is the pianist for the WYJB.

Procrutment Officer, Larry King

20 years of professional experience in custodial operations. Assists with band set up and organization of the stage. Serves as a back up to the Band Director.

Grants & Community Outreach

Chair— Wanda Goldsborough
Melinda Criddell
Carol Brevett

Member: Richard Blackwell

Website Designer:
Dave McIlvaine



Meet the Band



Keith



Pyerce



Eli



TJ



Patrick



Abraham



Cory



Tre



Eli



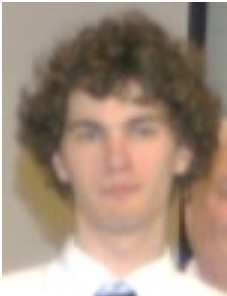
Sa'eed



Tamika



Malachi



Graham

WILMINGTON YOUTH JAZZ BAND

Upcoming Performances



November 10—Community Mental Health Conference, Doubletree Hotel, Wilmington, DE, 12:00pm

Instructors



Todd Kilgoe



Dill McDaniel



Vernon James Sr.



James Dixon

Community Spotlight

Jeremy Smith

Dr. Allan Hill



Dr. Allan Hill has been an educator for more than 40 years having begun teaching in the late 1960's. He is certified K-12, holds a doctorate in Education and is ABD in Political Science. Allan began his career as a Developmental Educator when he became Director of an Upward Bound Program at Temple University in the mid-1980's. During that time he was selected as an RJR Nabisco Congressional Fellow and spent a year on Capitol Hill as a Legislative Assistant. Allan has been at West Chester University for the past 16 years in the capacity of Assistant ACT 101 Director, Academic Advisor and Director of Developmental Programs. Dr. Hill authored the first study in the nation on developmental student high achievement, the results of which were widely published. A Vietnam era veteran, and a proud member of the Airborne Infantry (Ranger), Dr. Hill is currently the Faculty Advisor for the Student Veteran's Group at WCU and an Honorary member of XAE National Honor Society. An avid reader, Allan is also a photographer, musician, and is active in sports.

On behalf of the board of directors of the Wilmington Youth Jazz Band, Inc., thank you for your generous in-kind donation of musical instruments. Your donation will go a long way in helping our organization in fulfilling our mission to expose, educate and culturally enrich students through learning jazz music in an effort to maintain and expand jazz throughout our communities.



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When you give to the Wilmington Youth Jazz Band today, you are helping a young person to enhance their latent talents through instruction and scholarships for high school students to pursue careers in music.

It’s easy to become a donor to the Wilmington Youth Jazz band. Simply go online to www.wyjb.org and click “Donate” or you can fill out the attached form.

Thank you for the support of our mission.

Method of Payment Check
 Cash

Enclosed is my check payable to: WYJB (Wilmington Youth Jazz Band)

Name _____
 19809

Please accept my gift of: \$100.00

P.O. Box 9440
 Wilmington, Delaware

Address _____

Please accept my gift of: \$50.00

Phone: 302-757-1956

Please accept my gift of: \$25.00

Email: www.wyjb.org
 Senee.music@gmail.com
 Fossie-

bear@comcast.net
 Phone _____

Please accept my gift of: \$10.00



WYJB Monthly Board Meetings

September 18, 2012 - 10am-12noon, Woodlawn Library, Wilmington, DE

October 13, 2012 - 10am-12noon, Woodlawn Library, Wilmington, DE

November 10, 2012 - 10am-12noon, Woodlawn Library, Wilmington, DE

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Check us out on Facebook!!

Tony Williams Scholarship Jazz Festival—August 31—September 3, 2012.

September 1—Youth Jazz Performers, 12:30pm-3:00pm, Pyerce Oates, Keith Criddell, Patrick Coady, Ryan Tally and Elias Smith.

September 1—Fostina Dixon-Kilgoe & Winds of Change, 4:00pm—5:15pm

www.tonywilliamsjazzfestival.org

Original Song Writer's 2012 Award recipients

Pyerce Oates & Thurston Brevett

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CONGRATULATIONS!